

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

**In re:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 99-4**

**ORDER SHORTENING THE TIME FOR  
SERVING AND NOTICING HEARING  
ON CERTAIN OBJECTIONS TO CLAIMS  
IN CHAPTER 13 CASES**

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To expedite the administration of Chapter 13 cases, the Court finds good cause to shorten the time otherwise required for noticing hearings on certain objections to claims. Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 3007 provides that objections and notices of hearings thereon be served at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing on the objection. Good cause exists under Rule 9006, Fed.R.Bank.P., to shorten the time period for noticing a hearing on those objections to claims filed and served at least fourteen (14) days prior to confirmation so that any such objections may be considered at or before the hearing on the confirmation of the debtor's Chapter 13 plan.

The Court finds substantial justification to shorten time. The resolution of claims objections at confirmation will eliminate the necessity of an additional hearing resulting in savings to both the debtor and the claimant, and the conservation of judicial resources. Shortening time should also reduce the number of cases that must be continued for a further confirmation hearing solely because a claim objection is not ripe for hearing at or before the confirmation hearing.

Accordingly, it is -

**ORDERED** as follows:

1. This Order applies only to objections to claims in Chapter 13 cases which are filed and served at least fourteen (14) days prior to the confirmation hearing ("Timely Pre-Confirmation Objections").

2. The requirements under Local Rule 3007-I shall not apply to Timely Pre-Confirmation Objections.

3. Timely Pre-Confirmation Objections shall be heard at the confirmation hearing if the objection and notice of hearing is served on the claimant, the debtor, and the trustee at least fourteen (14) days prior to the confirmation hearing.

4. Pursuant to Rule 9006(c)(1), Fed.R.Bankr.P., the Court, for good cause, shortens the time for serving a Timely Pre-Confirmation Objection and notice of hearing from 30 days, as otherwise required under Rule 3007, to 14 days.

5. This Order shall not apply to objections to claims filed less than fourteen (14) days before the confirmation hearing or filed after a plan is confirmed. All such objections shall be filed and noticed in accordance with Rule 3007, Fed.R.Bankr.P., as modified and supplemented by Local Rule 3007-I.

**ORDERED** in the Southern District of Florida, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1999.

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CHIEF JUDGE A. JAY CRISTOL